

a bow string; and

a silencer assembled to the bow string:

said silencer being a single elongated strip which is fabricated from an elastomeric material;

said silencer being so configured and related to the bow string that segments of the silencer can flex when an arrow is released and vibrations are consequentially set up in the bow string; and

there being a single overhand knot which is: (a) tied in said silencer and around the entire circumference of the bow string, and (b) attaches the silencer to the bow string. --

Cancel claim 4 without prejudice.

Rewrite claim 5 in independent form as follows:

-- 18. The combination of:

a bow;

a bow string; and

a silencer assembled to the bow string;

said silencer being fabricated from an elastomeric material;

said silencer being so configured and related to the bow string that segments of the silencer can flex when an arrow is released and vibrations are consequentially set up in the bow string;

the bow string being split into elements;

the silencer being installed between the elements of the bow string;

said silencer having a center segment and first and second arms;

said arms being integrated with the center segment at opposite ends of said segment; and

when said silencer is unstressed, said first and second arms extending in opposite directions from, and at equal angles to, said center segment. --

[Rewrite claim 6 in independent form as follows:]

-- ~~319.~~ The combination of:

a bow;

a bow string; and

a silencer assembled to the bow string;

said silencer being fabricated from an elastomeric material;

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said silencer being so configured and related to the bow string that segments of the silencer can flex when an arrow is released and vibrations are consequentially set up in the bow string;

the bow string being split into elements and the silencer being installed between the elements of the bow string; and

there being complementary protrusions on opposite sides of the silencer for trapping the first and second bow string elements on opposite sides of the silencer and thereby securing the silencer between and to said elements. --

[Claim 7, line 1, change "1" to -- 21 --.]

[Rewrite claim 9 in independent form as follows:]

-- ~~20.~~ The combination of:

a bow;

a bow string; and

a silencer assembled to the bow string;
said silencer being fabricated from an elastomeric material;
said silencer being so configured and related to the bow string that segments of
the silencer can flex when an arrow is released and vibrations are consequentially set up in the
bow string;

the string silencer being an elongated component with a generally rectangular
cross section; and

the silencer having first and second end segments and a necked down center
segment which is integrated, at opposite ends thereof, with said end segments. --

a *2* *--* *21.5* [Rewrite claim 10 in independent form as follows:]

The combination of:

a bow;

a bow string; and

a silencer assembled to the bow string;

said silencer being fabricated from an elastomeric material which is a viscoelastic
mixture of choroprene and butyl polymers;

said silencer being so configured and related to the bow string that segments of
the silencer can flex when an arrow is released and vibrations are consequentially set up in the
bow string. --

[Cancel claim 11 without prejudice.]

[Rewrite claim 12 in independent form as follows:]

-- *22.8* A bow string silencer;

said silencer being fabricated from an elastomeric material and being so configured that, when attached to a bow string, segments of the silencer can wiggle and jiggle when an arrow is released to reduce the sound emanating from the bow string upon the release of said arrow;

said silencer having a center segment and first and second arms;

said arms being integrated with the center segment at opposite ends of said segment; and

when said silencer is unstressed, said first and second arms extending in opposite directions from, and at equal angles to, said center segment. --

a² [{ Rewrite claim 13 in independent form as follows: }

-- 23.9 A bow string silencer;

said silencer being fabricated from an elastomeric material and being so configured that, when attached to a bow string, segments of the silencer can wiggle and jiggle when an arrow is released to reduce the sound emanating from the bow string upon the release of said arrow; and

there being complementary protrusions on opposite sides of the silencer for trapping said silencer between first and second bow string elements and thereby securing the silencer between and to said elements. --

[{ Rewrite claim 14 in independent form as follows: }

-- 24.10 A bow string silencer;

said silencer being fabricated from an elastomeric material and being so configured that, when attached to a bow string, segments of the silencer can wiggle and jiggle

when an arrow is released to reduce the sound emanating from the bow string upon the release of said arrow;

said silencer being an elongated, slit and aperture free component with a cross-section which is essentially the same throughout the length of the silencer; and

said silencer being so dimensioned and configured that it can be attached to a bow string by tying a single overhand knot in the silencer. --

[Rewrite claim 15 in independent form as follows:]

-- ~~25~~¹¹ A bow string silencer;

said silencer being fabricated from an elastomeric material and being so

2 configured that, when attached to a bow string, segments of the silencer can wiggle and jiggle
a when an arrow is released to reduce the sound emanating from the bow string upon the release of said arrow; and

said silencer having first and second end segments and a necked down center segment which is integral, at opposite ends thereof, with said end segments. --

[Rewrite claim 16 in independent form as follows:]

-- ~~26~~¹² A bow string silencer;

said silencer being fabricated from an elastomeric material and being so configured that, when attached to a bow string, segments of the silencer can wiggle and jiggle when an arrow is released to reduce the sound emanating from the bow string upon the release of said arrow;

said silencer having a center segment and first and second arms;

said arms being integrated with the center segment at opposite ends of said segment;

said first and second arms extending in opposite directions from said center segment; and

92 said arms being so configured and related to said center segment that, in the moment after an arrow is released, said arms: (a) are parallel, (b) at equal distances from, and on opposite sides of, an axis of symmetry through the bow and bowstring, and (c) trail the center segment of the silencer. --

REMARKS

Above, and as required by the Examiner, applicant has amended the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE to include: "a more complete discussion of the invention."

Claims 7, 8, and 17-26 are now in the application. For the reasons discussed in detail above, favorable consideration of those claims is believed to clearly be in order.

Specifically, the Examiner indicated on page 2 of the above-cited action that: "Claims 6, 9, 10, 13, 15 and 16 . . . would be allowable if rewritten in independent form . . ." In response, applicant has above rewritten the just-enumerated claims as claims 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, and 26, respectively. Allowance of these newly-presented claims is believed, without further comment, to be in order.

Above, applicant has amended original claim 7 to depend from claim 21. Claim 7 is therefore considered allowable as is claim 8, which depends from claim 7.

Continuing, newly-presented claim 17 replaces original claim 3, which was rejected as anticipated by Tilby and by Archery Magazine. For the reasons discussed below, it is respectfully submitted that the invention defined in claim 17 is neither anticipated, nor made obvious, by Tilby or Archery Magazine.